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Film On Berlin Will Be Evening Forum Feature

The film, "Berlin—The Island City," will be shown and narrated tomorrow night at the Sunday Evening Forum by Arthur Wilson, the filmmaker.

The forum, sponsored by the First Congregational Church, will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Wilson, who produced the motion picture with Fred Kelfer of Downers Grove, Ill., is a world traveler of noteworthy experience. His narrow brushes with the East German Communists while filming the movie also are of note.

Smuggled Camera

Blocked by camera regulations against Westerners shooting pictures indiscriminately in the Soviet sector of Berlin, Wilson succeeded in smuggling his camera and equipment into the city in a brief case.

He stayed for nine weeks in East Berlin and finally was arrested.

"I was photographing long lines of people waiting to buy food in the East German section called Kopenick," he said.

"Several people quizzed me about what I was doing and I answered in my self-developed German that I was preparing a documentary culture film."

He was taken to jail as



Arthur Wilson

soon as he was detected by the police.

Held Three Hours

"I was ushered into a room and from that time until I was released three hours later, I was never left alone. They kept asking me if I knew Allen Dulles and why I was photographing the people standing in line.

"They couldn't understand that a private citizen could

make travel films, rent a car and spend all that money by himself without government support."

Wilson and Kelfer shot 14,000 feet of 16 millimeter color film for the picture on Berlin. It lasts 85 minutes. Commenting on what they tried to portray in the film, Wilson said:

"West Berlin is beautiful beyond imagination and the people there have a spirit and way of life that is hard to equal. When we went to Berlin we hoped to keep politics out of our picture but it was there staring you in the face and knocking you over the head. In fact, the difference between the two sectors has been known to drive some visitors into hysteria."

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